



State of New Mexico
House of Representatives

STATE CAPITOL
Santa Fe

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American Academy of Ophthalmology
Governmental Affairs Division
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To Whom It May Concern:

The NM House of Representatives Business and Industry Committee has been listening with interest to legislation with regard to House Bill 1186-Surgery Types Considered as Optometry - and Senate Bill 367 - Optometry Exclusions and Certification.

All of us on the committee have been working hard with advocates on both sides of the issue. Randy Marshall and John Anderson have worked well with us and continue to advocate successfully on your behalf. We feel that our understanding of this legislation has allowed us to make educated decisions with regard to both bills. We believe our support of this legislation is based on good, sound judgment.

The offensive ads that you have been running on television and radio are both appalling and ill-founded. Resorting to scare tactics with regard to the citizens of this state, most especially the children is egregious. We are elected to represent the people of this state and the insinuation in these ads that we would put the health of the public at risk is outrageous and offensive.

A personal approach to the members of this committee to discuss your issues with this legislation would have been a more professional and ethical method of promoting your viewpoint.

It is unfortunate that organizations like the American Academy of Ophthalmology choose to deceive the public with this type of negative and misleading advertising.

The members of the Business and Industry ask that you cease and desist these ads immediately. The people of New Mexico deserve better.

Sincerely,

Justin T. [Signature]
New Mexico House Business and Industry Committee

Cc: NM Medical Society/NM Ophthalmology Board/American Medical Association

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